(3) NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES AND THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I have to announce to the House that I have nominated under rule 164 (4) of the Council Rules, the Hon. Sri R. Venkataraman, Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar and Sri A. Gajapathy Nayagar, M.L.C's, as members of the Business Advisory Committee for the financial year 1958–59 in the vacancies caused, consequent on the expiration of the term of membership of the Council of Sri R. Venkataraman, Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar and Sri T. M. Narayanaswamy Pillai with effect from 21st April 1958.

I have also to announce to the House that I have nominated Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar and Sri John Asirvatham, M.L.C.'S, as Members of the Committee on Government Assurances for the financial year 1958–59 in the vacancies caused, on the expiration of the term of membership of the Council of Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar and Sri S. N. Venugopal with effect from 21st April 1958.

Under rule 174 (1) of the Council Rules, I have nominated Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar to be the Chairman of the Committee on Government Assurances.

I have further to announce to the House that I have nominated Sri T. Muthukannappan, M.L.C., to be a Member of the House Committee for the financial year 1958–59 in the vacancy of Srimathi Mary C. Clubwala Jadhav, M.L.C., who has expressed her inability to serve on the House Committee.

(4) DECISION OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I have also to report to the House that at a meeting of the Business Advisory Committee held at 2-00 p.m. on 8th September 1958, the following programme of
4 p.m. business has been decided upon :—

9th September 1958, 3 p.m. to 5-30 p.m.	1 The Madras City Improvement Trust (Amendment) Bill, 1958 (L.A. Bill No. 20 of 1958).
	2 The Madras Children (Amendment) Bill, 1958 (L.A. Bill No. 10 of 1958).
10th September 1958, 3 p.m.	1 The Madras Children (Amendment) Bill, 1958 (L.A. Bill No. 10 of 1958)—*cont.*
11th September 1958, 10 a.m.	1 Election of Chairman.
	2 Food Debate.

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12th September 1958, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	1 The Madras District Development Councils Bill, 1958.
	2 The Madras City Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1958.
	3 The Madras District Municipalities (Amendment) Bill, 1958 (subject to the Bills being passed by the Assembly).
13th September 1958, 3 p.m. to 6 p m.	1 Presentation of the Supplementary Statement of Expenditure for 1958–59 and Demands for Grants for Excess Expenditure in 1955–56.
	2 Non-official business.
14th September 1958 to 16th September 1958	Holidays.
17th September 1958 3. p.m.	General discussion on the Supplementary Statement of Expenditure for 1958–59 and Demands for Grants for Excess Expenditure in 1955–56.

Further programme will be decided by the Committee at 2-30 p.m. on 17th September 1958.

Now the Hon. the Minister for Food and Agriculture will make a statement on the general food situation in the Madras State.

V.—STATEMENT UNDER RULE 82 OF THE MADRAS COUNCIL RULES *RE* FOOD SITUATION IN THE MADRAS STATE.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, I wish to make a statement under rule 82 of the Madras Legislative Council Rules on a matter of public importance, viz., the general food situation in the Madras State.

The State of Madras was slightly deficit in foodgrains at the time of the formation of Andhra in 1953. But subsequently, due to a series of favourable seasons, we are now self-sufficient. The production of foodgrains during the last two years is as follows :—

Year.	Rice.	Millets.	Total.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	LAKHS. TONS.	LAKHS. TONS	LAKHS. TONS.
1956–57	31·03	15·19	46·22
1957–58	31·34	15·24	46·56

Generally speaking, the latest south-west monsoon, although it was a bit delayed, has been satisfactory and the condition of the crops is on the whole fair in most parts of the State. There are